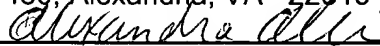


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Application No. : 09/820,292
Filed : March 27, 2001
Title : APPARATUS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ONLINE,
MULTI-PARCEL, MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-SERVICE
PARCEL RETURNS SHIPPING MANAGEMENT
Grp./Div. : 3629
Examiner : Webb, Jamisue A.
Docket No. : PSTM0042/MRK

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006, designated a final rejection, regarding the above-identified application, a Request for Continued Examination and the associated fee are submitted herewith, and reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month and the associated fee are filed concurrently herewith. It is respectfully submitted that a one-month extension of time is appropriate because this Amendment and Response is filed within the one-month time period following the three-month period set by the Examiner because it is filed before the expiration of January 8, 2007, which is the four-month date following the September 8, 2006 date of the Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Response to Final Office Action dated September 8, 2006 With RCE

Response and Remarks begin on page 41 of this paper.